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Please don't feed our wildlife

Commentary by Joan Vasey
Scout Staff

The Arizona Senate is now considering a bill that would make it a petty offense to feed wildlife in a way that causes nuisance, aggressive animals to come into a neighborhood and pose a danger to people. The move comes in the wake of aggressive coyote reports in both Sun City West and Paradise Valley and about two years after aggressive mountain lion activity in the Sabino Canyon area of Tucson, according to a recent news release.

The proposed bill would only affect Tucson and Phoenix, but the problem it addresses also applies to Fort Huachuca. Well-intentioned people new to Arizona unknowingly exacerbate the human-wildlife problem by practicing certain behaviors where wildlife is concerned.

Members of many military families on Fort Huachuca are intrigued by the abundance of wildlife on Fort Huachuca and fascinated that deer, rabbits and other wildlife can be

seen in their own back yards. Seeing wildlife up close can be especially exciting to people who have never had this opportunity, especially when the animals can be seen just outside the window. In some cases, people will put out food and water to encourage wildlife to visit. People especially enjoy seeing deer and rabbits.

Unfortunately, feeding wildlife also attracts other animals to the housing areas, especially in the urban interface areas where quarters are built besides or within grasslands or wooded locations. Skunks and javelina are frequent visitors to the Bonnie Blink and Grierson areas. Mountain lions, bobcats and bears also occasionally wander in. All of these animals have the potential to harm people or pets. Animals that lose their fear of humans may become nuisance animals that may need to be relocated. In some cases, relocation doesn't work and the animals return. When that happens, in order to prevent problem encounters with

humans, these animals may have to be euthanized. The Arizona Game and Fish Department tell people that "A fed bear is a dead bear." But, the same thing can apply to other animals as well.

The wildlife is here among us already, so incentives such as food and water can quickly teach them to come in close to humans, according to Sheridan Stone, wildlife biologist, Environmental and Natural Resources Division, Directorate of Public Works.

There are things humans can do to enable both people and wildlife to live together safely.

When picnicking outdoors, don't feed the animals.

If bear-proof containers are available, use them. If not, take trash when leaving and dispose of it at home.

Make food and water unavailable to wildlife. Feed pets indoors or bring their food and water in at night.

Those who live in housing areas frequently visited by wildlife should

remove bird feeders during hours of darkness.

Keep garbage cans in a secure storage area. Put them out on the morning of trash pickup, and secure them as soon as possible afterwards.

Enjoy watching wildlife from a distance. Do not approach or otherwise stress birds and animals.

Do not handle or pet wild animals.

Avoid cornering wildlife. Frightened animals could attack.

Wild animals normally avoid people. Report animals that behave aggressively or suspiciously to the military police by calling 533-3000.

Young or baby animals often have parents nearby. Stay away from them. If the animal appears to be orphaned, notify the MP desk.

Educate newcomers about co-existing with wildlife. Keep your community safe.

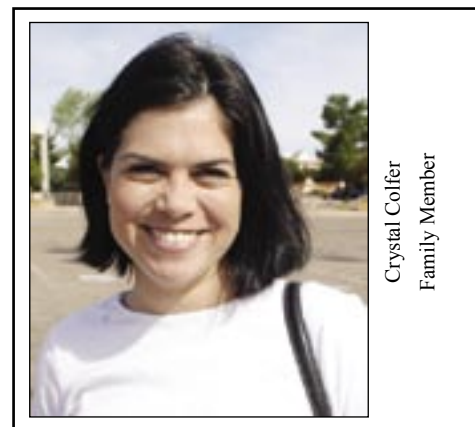
There is no reason why people cannot enjoy the wildlife they see outside their windows or in a natural setting. By exercising good judgment and following the practices outlined above, Fort Huachuca will be a safer place for both wildlife and people.

Scout On The Street — What are you going to do with your income tax refund?



Sgt. 1st Class Leon Black
Company E, 305th Military Intelligence
Battalion

"I'm just going to put it in a bank account and save it."



Crystal Colfer
Family Member

"I actually plan on getting Lasik eye surgery."



Sgt. Lyndon Johnson
Company A, 305th Military Intelligence
Battalion

"I'm going to put it into savings."



Sgt. Rafael Nevarez
Headquarters and Headquarters Company,
86th Signal Battalion

"I'm planning to go to Disney World with my family."

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Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome:

Take appropriate precautions when living or working in rodent-infested areas

By 1st Lt. Matthew Ried

RWBAHC Environmental Safety Officer

State and local health officials urge the public to take appropriate precautions when living or working in rodent infested areas, following the confirmation of two, possibly three, cases of Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome this year. All were fatal.

One case involved a man who lived along the rural fringe of a new suburb in Maricopa County. He may have been exposed to the disease while cleaning up mouse droppings in his garage. The man, in his 60s, died in January.

Another case involved a Navajo County woman who also died after contracting the disease.

The third case involved a military service member stationed in the Phoenix area. He was conducting training in the field at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas

when he became ill and subsequently died. It is not clear whether the service member contracted the virus in Arizona or in Texas.

Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome usually begins with flu-like symptoms, and may rapidly progress to respiratory failure when the lungs fill with fluid. Patients usually develop breathing difficulty approximately two to six days after onset of symptoms

Heavy rains from last winter led to a surge in populations of wild mice that carry hantavirus. Increased wild mice populations are associated with increased cases of hantavirus in humans, and this may last for many months. Seven cases have occurred in Arizona in the last 13 months, the largest cluster since the 1993-1994 outbreak. House mice and roof rats are not known to carry the disease.

Fifty-three cases of HPS were identified in Arizona, New Mexico, Utah,

and Colorado during that outbreak, including 20 cases in Arizona.

To date, 46 cases of HPS have been reported in Arizona since 1992, including eight in Maricopa County. Fourteen of those 46 cases were fatal.

Hantavirus can occur wherever the deer mouse and its close relatives live, which includes most rural areas throughout the state. It is important to take preventive measures to avoid contracting the disease and the Health Department issues the following guidelines to reduce risk of contracting Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome:

Remove droppings and debris carefully. When rodent droppings or nests are found in and around the home, spray them liberally with a household disinfectant and allow them to soak for at least 15 minutes. Use disinfectants that kill viruses, such as Lysol®, or a

solution of one part household bleach mixed with nine parts water. After disinfecting, wear rubber gloves and clean up the droppings with disposable materials such as paper towels, rags or mops. Seal all materials, droppings or nests in double plastic bags and dispose of them in the trash. Do not clean the droppings or nests by sweeping, brushing or vacuuming, since these methods stir up dust and increase a person's chances of inhaling the virus.

Rodent proof your home. Prevent rodents from entering the home by plugging or sealing all holes and gaps to the outside greater than 1/4 inch in diameter. Use steel wool, thick wire screen, metal flashing or cement to seal holes. Eliminate or reduce rodent shelter around the home by removing outdoor junk and clutter, and by mov-

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MPs seek vandalism and arson-related information

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The Fort Huachuca Military Police Investigations section seeks information pertaining to the damage of the Lakeside Activity Center that occurred between Feb. 9-13. They also seek information about a

suspected case of arson which occurred between Mott Circle and Hall Circle on March 6.

The MPs offer a reward for any information that leads to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for these events. The identification of anyone who comes forward

to volunteer information will be kept confidential.

Any and all information pertaining to these events may be reported to the MPI section at 533-8823 or 533-1230.

Commissary celebrates Nutrition Month with free health screenings

By Bonnie Powell

DeCA HQ PAO

March is Nutrition Month and many commissaries are celebrating by partnering with dietitians or local health and wellness centers for "healthy" tours and events. They're also partnering with industry for events such as food sampling and health screenings.

Fort Huachuca Commissary is one of 100 commissaries offering a "Kellogg's Healthy Beginnings" screening event on Saturday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. The screening includes blood pressure and cholesterol readings, and a health assessment kit for body mass index measurement and fiber needs.

"We're delighted our commissary is among those selected to participate in this one-day event," said store director Judy Mendez. "It's

all being funded by Kellogg's at no cost to our customers." Customers can even set an "event reminder" through the Healthy Beginnings Web page at <http://www.kelloggs.com>. The screenings are administered by health care professionals through a company contracted by Kellogg's.

Commissaries embarked last year on the "It's Your Choice, Make it Healthy" campaign in partnership with efforts by TRICARE and the Department of Defense to address the problem of obesity in military families. "Military families are focusing more now on eating a healthier diet," said Patrick B. Nixon, chief executive officer and acting director of the Defense Commissary Agency. "With health and wellness products, fresh fruit and vegetables, fiber-rich cereals, lean meats

and much more, commissaries offer healthy food at healthy savings."

Customers will notice brightly colored shelf signs throughout store aisles with dietary tips based on the Dietary Guidelines for Americans from the U.S. departments of Agriculture and Health and Human Services.

In response to customer demand, organic product lines have also grown in larger commissaries in the United States and in smaller stores where space is available. Look for small green shelf signs with the USDA organic seal and the matching seal on product labels.

"We aren't trying to tell people what foods are good or bad," said Nixon. "We're just trying to make the shopping experience more fun and



Photo by Thom Williams

Jaime Showers and daughter, Sarah, shop for produce at the Fort Huachuca Commissary.

educational. We welcome the opportunity to partner on customer events with health and diet professionals as well as industry."

Additional "Kellogg's

Healthy Beginnings" health screening events are planned in May during Commissary Awareness Month and again this fall at select U.S. commissaries.

Army stands up Asymmetric Warfare Group

By K.P. Rowe

Army News Service

The Asymmetric Warfare Group unfurled its colors for the first time at a ceremony at McGill Training Center on Fort Meade, March 8.

Made up now of less than 60 Soldiers in 12 different military occupational specialties, the unit will eventually grow to nearly 400, officials said.

The decision to form the AWG was made in 2003. With the U.S. military committed to fighting the Global War on Terrorism, Army leaders decided that a unit was needed to help combat the enemy's ability to use asymmetric weapons on the battlefield. Suicide bombers, improvised explosive devices and kidnapping are all examples of asymmetric weapons.

With members of the U.S. Army Band (Pershing's Own) filling the auditorium with martial music, an audience of nearly 200 Soldiers, civilians and family members watched as the unit's commander, command sergeant major and Soldiers were introduced for the first time.

Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen.

Richard Cody told the audience that there is absolutely no one more adaptive on the battlefield than the American Soldier.

"They are challenging our Army and this nation with their creativity. The Soldiers of the AWG are never satisfied with good enough ... They demand the newest, the most effective and the best," he said.

The AWG will help Army units to be better prepared to anticipate enemy activities and help them destroy the enemy's capability to conduct offensive operations.

Cody said Fort Meade was chosen for the home of the AWG for a variety of reasons.

"There is a tremendous growth potential here," Cody said. "Fort Meade is close to Aberdeen Proving Ground and to Fort A.P. Hill. It also makes sense to have the AWG at Fort Meade as the unit will eventually come under the 20th Support Command that will be headquartered here."

The AWG is already making an impact as nearly one-third of its Soldiers are deployed, training and

advising units on the ground. Cody reminded the audience that America is a nation at war, and that units like the AWG are leading the fight in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The capabilities that the AWG brings to the battlefield are critical, said Cody.

"We hear a great deal about how complex the enemy situation is in Iraq and how adaptive the enemy is, but what we don't hear is how adaptive and innovative our Soldiers are at every level," Cody said.

Cody spoke highly of the AWG: "When the odds are the longest, when the enemy is toughest, when we simply must win — I know the AWG will get the job done."

The commander of the AWG is Col. Robert Shaw, a Special Forces officer who has been in the Army 24 years. His assignments include being an instructor at the Army Ranger school. He also commanded two Special Forces A-Teams and served in various staff positions both in Germany and the United States.

Shaw said he is excited about the opportunity of leading the AWG.

He also said how proud he is of his Soldiers, not only the ones that participated in the ceremony, but also the ones who are already carrying out the unit's mission.

Command Sgt. Maj. Alfred Birch of the AWG has been in uniform since 1977. Birch has served in Operations Joint Cause, Desert Storm, Joint Endeavor, Joint Guard, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Lt. Gen. James Lovelace, the Army's G-3/5/7, served as the reviewing officer for the ceremony creating the AWG. He unfurled the colors and showcased the black and red guidon trimmed in gold. He then presented the unit's colors to Shaw.

After the ceremony, Lovelace commented on the future hopes for the AWG: "This is an organization that ... in the planning for the long war will make its mark in multiple ways, but it will not be heralded because we will not put ourselves into the limelight. But, at the same time, it is going to have a great operational impact on the force."

(K.P. Rowe writes for the Sound-off! newspaper at Fort Meade, Md.)

Free tax help for the military

Scout Reports

If you or your spouse are members of the military, you may be eligible to receive free assistance with the preparation and filing of your federal tax return. The U.S. Armed Forces participate in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program. The Armed Forces Tax Council oversees the operation of the military tax programs worldwide, and serves as the main conduit for outreach by the IRS to military personnel and their families. The AFTC consists

of tax program coordinators for the Marine Corps, Air Force, Army, Navy and Coast Guard.

Military-based VITA sites provide free tax advice, tax preparation, return filing and other tax assistance to military members and their families. The volunteer assistants are trained to address military-specific tax issues, such as combat zone tax benefits.

Military commanders support the program by detailing members of the military to prepare returns

and by providing space and equipment for tax centers. The IRS supports these efforts by providing tax software and training.

To receive this free assistance, you should bring the following records to your military VITA site:

- Valid photo identification
- Social Security cards for you, your spouse and dependents or a social security number verification letter issued by the Social Security Administration.
- Birth dates for you,

your spouse and dependents

- Current year's tax package, if you received one
- Wage and earning statement(s) -Form W-2, W-2G, 1099-R
- Interest and dividend statements (Forms 1099)
- A copy of last year's federal and state tax returns, if available
- Bank routing numbers and account numbers for direct deposit
- Total amount paid for day care
- Day care provider's identifying number
- Other relevant information about income and expenses

If your filing status is Married Filing Jointly and you wish to file your tax return electronically, both you and your spouse should be present to sign the required forms. If it isn't possible for both to be present, a valid power of attorney that allows tax preparation can be used to sign and file the return.

For more information, review IRS Publication 3, Armed Forces' Tax Guide, available on the IRS Web site at IRS.gov or order a free copy by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

CID on the lookout for qualified Soldiers, civilians to become special agents

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The U.S. Army's Criminal Investigation Command is seeking qualified applicants to become highly trained criminal investigators. Special agents investigate all felony crimes of Army interest, conduct protective service operations and work closely with other federal, state and local law

enforcement agencies to solve crimes and combat terrorism.

Agents receive training at the U.S. Army Military Police School and additional training in specialized investigative disciplines. Selected agents receive advanced training at the FBI Academy, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, and the

Canadian Police College, as well as the opportunity to pursue a master's degree in forensic science.

To qualify, an applicant must be a U.S. citizen, at least 21 years old with at least two years of service and not more than eight, possess at least 60 semester hours of college credit and a general technical score of at

least 110. A minimum of six months police experience is preferred, but not required.

CID is also looking for qualified civilians to become special agents.

To apply or for more information visit www.cid.army.mil or contact your local CID office today.

JPAC identifies airman missing for 64 years

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

The military's persistence in determining the identity of an airman missing in action since World War II sends an important message to families of all missing servicemembers and all men and women serving in uniform today, the commander of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command told American Forces Press Service.

The command announced today that its forensic lab at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, recently identified the so-called "glacier airman," who was discovered frozen in a California glacier in October, as Aviation Cadet Leo Mustonen. His remains will soon be returned to his family for burial, officials said.

The identification, made 64 years after Mustonen's AT-7 navigation plane crashed into Darwin Glacier in the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range, demonstrates the Defense Department's commitment to ensuring the fullest possible accounting of all missing servicemembers, Army Brig. Gen. Michael C. Flowers said by phone from his Hickam Air Force Base headquarters.

It exemplifies the command's motto, "Until they are home," and helps bring closure to families wondering about their loved ones' fates, he said. "We brought him home," Flowers said of Mustonen. "And his family can now rest assured that he rests in peace, knowing what his fate was."

For more than six

decades, the 22-year-old Brainerd, Minn., airmen's fate had been unclear. He was among four airmen reported missing after takeoff from Mather Field in Sacramento, Calif., in November 1942. Also onboard the flight were 2nd Lt. William Gamber of Fayette, Ohio, the pilot; and two other aviation cadets, Ernest Munn of St. Clairsville, Ohio, and John Mortenson of Moscow, Idaho.

An exhaustive month-long search failed to locate the aircraft. Hikers crossing the glacier five years later stumbled upon the wreckage. U.S. Army soldiers were dispatched to the site, where they retrieved artifacts linked to Gamber's missing aircraft, officials said. They also found three sets of hu-

man remains, which were buried as a group with full military honors in Golden Gate National Cemetery, in San Bruno, Calif., in 1945.

The story of the missing airmen reopened 60 years later, in October 2005, when hikers crossing the site found more human remains preserved in ice on the Mendel Glacier. The glacier is next to Darwin Glacier in the Sierra Nevada. Park rangers from Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks and a forensic anthropologist from JPAC's Central Identification Laboratory recovered the remains, which were later shipped to the JPAC lab.

The remains arrived wearing a World War II-era Army-issued parachute stenciled with the words, "U.S. Army," JPAC officials said. The unidentified airman also arrived with

a comb, various coins and other personal items in his pockets.

Investigators at the command began searching the records of men lost during World War II and found that 25 to 30 military planes crashed on training missions in California during the World War II years. They narrowed their search based on locations of wrecks already found and bodies previously identified. Experts at the JPAC lab used the airman's clothing, teeth and mitochondrial DNA to determine his identity. All four families whose loved ones were involved in the 1942 crash were notified of the identification.

Flowers said the resolve demonstrated in identifying Mustonen's remains sends a strong message to

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Free web-based foreign language courses available to Soldiers

By Grace Jean

The Army signed a \$4.2 million contract with Fairfield Language Technologies to offer computer-based Rosetta Stone language courses free of charge to Army Knowledge Online users.

"We looked at those areas and put together a program to improve language proficiency across the force. It was based on an operational need," said Brig. Gen. James M. Milano, the Army's director of training under G3.

Rosetta Stone offers full-immersion reading, writing, speaking and listening instruction in 26 languages, including strategic ones such as Arabic, Mandarin and Korean, said Milano.

The Air Force and other entities within the Defense Department have had positive experiences with Rosetta Stone, said Milano. The program integrated quickly with Army e-Learning, a program accessed through AKO that offers more than 2,200 commercial web-

based courses ranging from information technology and business to leadership and personal development.

"Army e-Learning is our established methodology to provide software to the force," said Milano. "It provides a trusted interface, utilizes AKO to validate users. And it provides embedded training management capabilities, so the instructor can check on training."

This year, 196,000 users have completed courses through the program, according to Stan Davis, project officer for Army e-Learning. The program has licensed Rosetta Stone for 1.4 million people, he said.

The Rosetta Stone courses were scheduled to become available on Nov. 7 via Army e-Learning.

"Units preparing to deploy are anxious to use this tool as pre-deployment training," said Milano. It will give commanders the ability to polish a diamond that's getting ready to deploy by helping war-

fighters establish basic proficiency in a language, he said.

"Once you know where you're going, for example, to Iraq, then the commander should have you go out, log onto AKO, and learn Farsi," said Col. Sharon Holmes, program manager of the Army's distributed learning system, which is responsible for building and deploying training systems such as Army e-Learning.

After units have deployed, Milano said, Soldiers could use Rosetta Stone as a sustainment tool.

"We have online capabilities in theater—in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait," he said. When Soldiers encounter situations in which they need to communicate with native speakers, they can easily access Rosetta Stone to brush up on their language skills, he said.

Such online capabilities enable the Army to present effective, quality training at significant lower costs, said Milano.

The \$4.2 million investment is

not very large when compared to the capability that Rosetta Stone will offer, said Milano. When you consider the costs of having to send Soldiers around the country for foreign language training—the costs of instructors, the facilities, housing, travel, temporary duty—all of that adds up quickly, he said. And some languages take a long time to learn. The potential for cost savings in having soldiers train at home through computers is incalculable, he said.

The net result will be a force that is ready and relevant to meet the nation's requirements, he said.

In addition, Rosetta Stone could potentially boost recruiting for the Army.

"I see the types of Soldiers that the Army will recruit in the future as becoming even more technology-savvy than those we're bringing into the force today," he said. "They're comfortable doing this

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Save water, save the Fort

Scout Reports

Saving water is mission essential. Here are some tips to help.

Run only full loads in the washing machine and dish-

washer. You can conserve between 300 and 800 gallons of water each month.

Don't defrost frozen foods with running water – either plan ahead by placing

frozen items in the refrigerator overnight, or defrost then in the microwave. This simple practice can save 50 to 150 gallons of water each month.

Don't let the water run while brushing your teeth. Turn the faucet off until you're ready to rinse.

Time your shower to keep it under 5 minutes. You'll save up to 1000 gallons a month.

Turn off the water while

you shave and you can save more than 100 gallons of water a week.

Avoid using your toilet for a wastebasket or ashtray. Extra flushes waste water and money.

To learn how you can save water, call 538-SAVE

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ing woodpiles, lumber, hay bales etc., as far away from the house as possible. Keep the lawn trimmed and free of excess weeds and brush. Do not make food easily available to rodents. Do not leave pet food in dishes. Dispose of garbage in trash cans with tight fitting lids. Wash dirty dishes promptly, and clean up spilled food immediately. Store bulk grains and animal feed in rodent proof containers.

Control rodents inside the home by placing spring

loaded "snap" traps in areas where rodents and their droppings have been observed. Bait the traps with peanut butter and/or oats and check them regularly. When rodents are caught, spray the dead rodents with a disinfectant, such as Lysol or bleach and water, then wait at least 15 minutes. Put on rubber gloves and then seal the dead rodents in plastic bags before disposing of them in a trash can. The snap traps can be disinfected and re used.

In areas above 4,500 feet in elevation, any dead rodents and rodent nests should be sprayed with a pesticide to kill fleas before disinfecting or disposing the carcasses. This is to prevent flea bites and possible exposure to another disease, the plague.

For more information about HPS contact the Arizona Department of Health Services Vector Borne Disease Program at (602) 364-4562 or Preventive Medicine Services at (520) 533-3536.

Fort NBC School graduates final class

Story and photos by
Thom Williams
Scout Staff

Eight Fort Huachuca Soldiers graduated from the two-week Nuclear, Biological and Chemical noncommissioned officer and officer course at the post NBC School Friday.

The graduating Soldiers

were assigned to a variety of signal and military intelligence units on the fort.

The class is the last the NBC School has on its schedule. The school's instructors are being reassigned to units in Korea and Missouri.

Fort Huachuca Soldiers who are selected to attend the NBC training will now

travel to Fort Bliss, Texas for school.

When the Soldiers graduate from the course, they are qualified to operate the M8A1 Automatic Chemical Agent Alarm, and the M-22 Automatic Chemical Agent Detection Alarm along with the M-41 Protection Assessment Test System, a device

designed to check the fit and protection factor of protective masks.

"They are dealing with some equipment that is radioactive and it's federally mandated that those people who operate the equipment are certified," said Staff Sgt. Jacqueline

Ramirez, an instructor at the Fort Huachuca NBC School, who holds the military occupational specialty of Chemical Operations Specialist.

"We certify them so they can go back and certify the rest of the unit."

The two-week class also covers masking and unmasking procedures; individual, operational and thorough operational decontamination;

unit-level plotting for NBC predictions; identification of different NBC agents and NBC first aid.

The final day of class culminates with a trip to the CS or tear gas filled mask confidence

chamber. While inside the chamber, the Soldiers dressed in Mission Oriented Protective Posture level four gear and performed push-ups and

Military Intelligence Battalion. Torres is a Common Ground Station Operator who volunteered to attend the NBC course and will



other exercises to demonstrate the effectiveness of the equipment. The Soldiers then removed the hood on the M-40A1 Protective Mask to test

assume the duties of secondary NBC noncommissioned officer when he returns to his unit.

The cadre of the NBC

its effectiveness ensuring the mask seal was not broken.

"Towards the end we have them take their mask off take a quick breath and then walk out of the chamber," said Ramirez. "It's to let them know what the mask is capable of doing, that it can actually protect you from what might be a potential hazard or chemical or biological agent."

"It was good training. I got to do some things like the gas chamber that I did not have a chance to do in a few years," said Staff Sgt. Joshua Torres, Company C, 305th

School also taught the students how to operate the Mask Confidence Chamber so when they return to their unit they can conduct training.

Photo illustration by Rob Martinez



IRS has \$36 million for 39,000 Arizonans who have not filed 2002 tax returns

By William Brunson

IRS Public Affairs

Unclaimed refunds totaling more than \$2 billion are awaiting about 1.7 million people who failed to file a federal income tax return for 2002, the Internal Revenue Service announced. However, in order to collect the money, a return for 2002 must be filed with an IRS office no later than April 17, 2006.

The IRS estimates that half of those who could claim refunds would receive more than \$570. In some cases, individuals had taxes withheld from their wages, or made payments against their taxes out of self-employed earnings, but had too little income to require filing a tax return. Some taxpayers may also be eligible for the refundable Earned Income Tax Credit.

Here in Arizona, the IRS estimates

that unclaimed refunds totaling more than \$36,396,000 are waiting for 39,000 individuals who failed to file a 2002 tax return with a median refund of \$472.

"We want people to get the refunds they're entitled to," said IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson. "We urge taxpayers to double-check their records before the April 17 deadline. Taxpayers can't get a refund if they don't file a tax return."

In cases where a return was not filed, the law provides most taxpayers with a three-year window of opportunity for claiming a refund. If no return is filed to claim the refund within three years, the money becomes property of the U.S. Treasury. For 2002 returns, the window closes on April 17, 2006. The law requires that the return be properly

addressed, postmarked and mailed by that date. There is no penalty assessed by the IRS for filing a late return qualifying for a refund.

The IRS reminds taxpayers seeking a 2002 refund that their checks will be held if they have not filed tax returns for 2003 or 2004. In addition, the refund will be applied to any amounts still owed to the IRS and may be used to satisfy unpaid child support or past due federal debts such as student loans.

By failing to file a return, individuals stand to lose more than refunds of taxes withheld or paid during 2002. Many low-income workers may not have claimed the Earned Income Tax Credit. Although eligible taxpayers may get a refund when their EITC is more than what they owe in tax, those who file returns more than three

years late would be able only to apply it toward the taxes they owe (if any). They would not be able to receive a refund if the credit exceeded their tax.

Generally, individuals qualified for the EITC if in 2002 they earned less than \$33,178 and had more than one qualifying child living with them, earned less than \$29,201 with one qualifying child, or earned less than \$11,060 and had no qualifying child.

Current and prior year tax forms and instructions are available on the Forms and Publications page of the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676). Taxpayers who need help also can call the IRS help line at 1-800-829-1040.

B Troop seeks volunteer members



Photo by Esau Lolis

Scout reports

Members of B Troop will be starting a new cavalry riding school on April 6 and seek riders to join.

B Troop, 4th U.S. Cavalry Regiment (Memorial) represents the history of the U.S. Army's participation in the Indian Wars of the Southwest. Since the reenactment group was established here in July, 1973, B Troop has promoted the heritage and traditions

of the U.S. Army, military horsemanship, and Fort Huachuca at hundreds of special events.

Under its official name, B Troop, 4th Regiment, U.S. Cavalry (Memorial), the group honors a unit that served at Fort Huachuca during the 1880s. Its role is the largest of all memorial cavalry units to be found both in Arizona and in the U.S. Army.

Membership in the Troop is open to active duty and retired

military personnel, Department of Defense civilians, and military family members. All members are volunteers.

B Troop's work may appear romantic, but it is far from dreamy, members claim. Troopers attend to their horses, tack and stable duties in addition to their military duties and civilian jobs. Since most appearances happen on weekends and holidays, B Troop is practically a second full-time job. B Troop participates in

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Range Closures

Thursday – AC, AD, AF, AG, AH, AK, AL, AM, AP, AR, AU, AW, T1, T1A, T2
Friday – AB, AC, AD, AF, AG, AP, AU, AW, T1, T1A, T2
Saturday – AM, AP, AU, T1, T1A, T2
Sunday – AL, AR, AU, AW, T1, T1A, T2
Monday – AC, AD, AG, AK, AL, AR, AW, AW, T1, T1A, T2
Tuesday – AC, AD, AG, AH, AK, AL, AP, AR, AU, AY, T1, T1A, T2
Wednesday – AC, AD, AG, AK, AL, AR, T1, T1A, T2, T3
Contact Range Control at 533-7095. Closures are subject to change.

Tuition assistance change

Soldier’s requests for tuition assistance for education courses that begin on or after May 1 will be processed through the Army’s new GoArmyEd.com Web portal. In preparation for the implementation of the Centralized Tuition Assistance Management program, the Fort Huachuca Education Center will provide briefings to Soldiers on March 24 at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at Cochise Theater. For more information call the Education Center at 533-3010 or 533-2255.

Enlistment referral bonus program

Soldiers who refer someone with no prior military experience through the Sergeant Major of the Army Recruiting

Team system may be eligible to receive a referral bonus up to a \$1,000.
The referring Soldier must establish an account via the SMART web site and submit the referral through <https://www.usarec.army.mil/smart>. They may also call the USAREC 800 line (1-800-223-3735, extension 6-0473) to register.
For more information about eligibility and program details call the telephone number listed above or visit the SMART Web page.

Ammunition supply point closes briefly

The Installation Ammunition Supply Point will be closed for quarterly inventory March 29 - 31. Those who anticipate training requirements during this period should coordinate in advance with the IASP. Emergency requirements may be addressed to Manny Bringas by calling 533-2512.

Chapel plans Spring Fling for families

Family members of deployed spouses, mark your calendars! The Fort Huachuca Chapel honors you on March 25 from 5 – 8 p.m. with a free dinner, entertainment and gifts at Murr Community Center, building 51301, off Cushing Road. Families are invited. Children are welcome, and free child care will be provided.
For information, call Carol and Mark Baxter at 459-0715 or e-mail mean-az@cox.net. Or contact Karen Harper at 458-5983 or e-mail harperjh@earthlink.net.

Fort Huachuca Lent/Holy Week Services 2006

For Information, call 533-4748

Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service

April 16, 6 a.m. Reservoir Hill (Large Parking Lot)

Services	Day	Time	Location
Lent			
Catholic Services			
Stations of the Cross	Fridays in Lent	5:30 p.m.	Main Post Chapel
“Poor Man’s Meal”	Fridays in Lent	6 p.m.	MPC Activity Room
Lent Penance Service	27-Mar	7 p.m.	Main Post Chapel
Hunger Banquet for Youth	26-Mar	5 p.m.	MPC Activity Room
Holy Week			
Catholic Services			
Palm Sunday Vigil Mass	8-Apr	5 p.m.	Main Post Chapel
Palm Sunday Mass	9-Apr	9:15 a.m.	Main Post Chapel
Palm Sunday Mass	9-Apr	11:30 a.m.	Kino Chapel
Holy Thursday Mass	13-Apr	7 p.m.	Main Post Chapel
Good Friday - Passion Service	14-Apr	7 p.m.	Main Post Chapel
Holy Saturday Mass (Easter Vigil)	15-Apr	7 p.m.	Main Post Chapel
Easter Sunday Mass	16-Apr	9:15 a.m.	Main Post Chapel
Easter Sunday Mass	16-Apr	11:30 a.m.	Kino Chapel
Protestant Services			
Palm Sunday	9-Apr	Regular Services and Chapels	
Living Last Supper	12-Apr	7p.m.	Main Post Chapel
Maundy Thursday (Episcopal)	13-Apr	6 p.m.	Blessed Sacrament (MPC)
Good Friday	14-Apr	7p.m.	Prosser Village Chapel
Good Friday (Episcopal Liturgy)		6 p.m.	Main Post Chapel
Easter Service	16-Apr	Regular Services and Chapels	
Jewish Services			
Passover	12-Apr	6 p.m.MPC	Activity Room

Chaplain’s Corner

Protestant Sunday Services

8 a.m.	Episcopal	Main Post
9:20 a.m.	Gospel	Kino Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Protestant	Prosser Village
11 a.m.	Cross Roads	Cochise Theater
11 a.m.	Collective	Main Post
3:30 p.m.	ALPHA	Prosser Village

Roman Catholic Worship

Mon.-Fri.	11:30 a.m.	Main Post
Saturday	4 p.m.	Main Post
Confession		
Saturday	5 p.m.	Main Post
Mass		
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Main Post
Mass		
Sunday	11:30 a.m.	Kino Chapel
Mass		

Jewish Worship

Friday	7 p.m.	Main Post
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Catholic

<u>Main Post Chapel</u>		
CCD	Sunday	10:45 a.m.
Adult	Sunday	10:45 a.m.
Apologetics		
Adoration of the	Friday	3 - 6 p.m.
Sacrament Blessed		
Korean OCIA	Friday	7 p.m.
MCCW	1st Friday	9 a.m.

Protestant

<u>Main Post Chapel</u>		
PWOC	Tuesday	9 a.m.
Sunday School	Sunday	9:30 a.m.
<u>Kino Chapel</u>		
Women’s Ministry	1st, 3rd Friday	6 p.m.
Bible Study Fellowship		
Adult/Youth	Sunday	8 a.m.
Sunday School		
Youth Church	1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th Sunday	

Men’s Choir	Tuesday	7 p.m.
Rehearsal		
Women’s Choir	2nd Tuesday	7 p.m.
Rehearsal		
Adult Bible Study	Thursday	6 - 7 p.m.
Youth Bible Study	Thursday	6 - 7 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir	Thursday	7 p.m.
Rehearsal		
Youth Ushers	Saturday	10 a.m.
Youth Choir	3rd Saturday	10:30 a.m.
Youth Emphasis	4th Saturday	
Saturdays		
Drama Team	Saturday	8:30 a.m.
Youth Min. Staff	Saturday	10 a.m.
& Parents Meeting		
Youth Choir	Saturday	10:30 a.m.
Rehearsal		

Murr Community Center

Teens and	Sunday	9:20 a.m.
Pre-teens Study		
Parish Council	1st Sunday after service	
Meetings		

Women’s Ministry	2nd Sunday	
Meetings		
Youth Ministry	3rd Suda	
Meetings		
Adult Usher	4th Sunday after service	
Meetings		
Men’s Ministry	Saturday	8 a.m.
Bible Study		
Women’s Choir	5th Saturday	11 a.m.
Rehearsal		

Muslim Prayer

Friday	11:30 a.m.	Main Post
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Buddhist Weekly Teaching

Tuesday	6:30 p.m	Prosser Village
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Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Sunday	10 a.m	Main Post
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Latter Day Saints Service

Sunday	1 p.m.	Prosser Village
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America's men and women in uniform. "They can rest assured that as they go out to fight our nation's conflicts, that no matter what happens to them, if they were to fall in battle and not be recovered by their comrades, that someone will continue to look for them and not rest until we can bring them home," he said.

JPAC's members work year-round to repatriate and identify the remains of about 88,000 U.S. servicemembers missing from past wars. Those missing include one from the Gulf War, more than 1,800 from the Vietnam War, 120 from the Cold War, more than 8,100 from the Korean War, and

more than 78,000 from World War II.

Flowers said the command is committed to a mission that dates back to World War II and is now embodied in the U.S. military Code of Conduct. While most countries around the world bury their war dead where they fall, the United States promises its servicemembers that it will do everything in its power to bring them home.

Working to fulfill that promise sends joint-service teams from JPAC to potential crash and burial sites around the world. "We go out worldwide to recover those who are missing or to find those who are missing so that families can have closure and so we can keep our promise to our soldiers and

airmen and Marines and sailors that they will come home," Flowers said.

Once teams recover remains and repatriate them to the United States, the command's Central Identification Laboratory uses state-of-the-art scientific techniques to determine their identity. JPAC is currently working to identify more than 1,000 sets of remains in its lab.

Flowers urged families of missing servicemembers to ensure they have provided DNA samples to help the identification process. "We would ask that for those out there who have missing relatives and have not given a family reference DNA sample to contact us or their service casualty representa-

tive so we can get that sample," he said.

DNA sampling and other state-of-the-art advances are helping JPAC experts make positive identifications that once weren't possible. Flowers said that process is only expected to improve with time.

There's tremendous gratification in the JPAC mission and the service the command provides, the general said. "If you get just one letter, one phone call or one visit from some of these family members, it speaks volumes," he said. "They are very, very appreciative, and that's what we work for-to come to that closure and bring their loved ones home."

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type of training" and Rosetta Stone ought to be an attractive feature in recruiting efforts, he said.

Down the road, Milano sees much potential for many other subjects and training courses to be implemented via AKO and Army e-Learning. For example, the Army could offer training in

ethics, subversion and espionage, and prevention of sexual harassment as well as additional predeployment training, such as rules of engagement specific to the area of responsibility to which a Soldier is deploying, he said. The list potentially could include prerequisite training for professional military education.

"This is a tremendous capability that is representative of where the Army can go in a lot of educational areas. It is very cost effective, and it shows good stewardship of limited resources. Most importantly, we think Soldiers are going to like this. They're going to want to take advantage of this," said Milano.

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military ceremonies, parades, and mounted cavalry tactics demonstrations across Arizona and the nation.

B Troop dresses in authentic uniforms and tack representative of the U.S. Army in the 1880s. Members mount up on "Geldings of hardy color" in keeping with the quartermaster purchase order of 1876.

In August, 1973 B Troop added a ladies auxiliary who participate with the troop in public events and parades, riding sidesaddle and wearing authentic dress of the 1880s.

Those interested and who are eligible to join should contact Christopher Zimmerman at 538-2178 or e-mail him at christopher.zimmerman@hua.army.mil.

For more information about B Troop, visit <http://huachuca-www.army.mil/USAG/BTROOP/default.asp>.

Tsunami night is back

The public is invited to a night of huge waves tomorrow from 7-10 p.m. at The Cove Aquatic Center, 2900 M.L. King, Jr. Parkway. Ride the rafts, body surf and boogie board. The first 100 people through the door will receive special gifts. Prizes will be given out all night. Cost is \$8.50 per person and includes pizza, soft drink and entertainment by DJ-Tech FX. For more information, call 417-4800.



Photo by Joan Vasey

Women celebrated

Irene (Tanja Ilse) prepares to narrate a modernized version of the fairy tale, "Rapunzel" to her daughter, Kate (Chelsea DeBee) during the presentation of the play, "When Night is Dark," at the Thunder Mountain Activity Centre Tuesday. The 111th Military Intelligence Brigade Military Equal Opportunity Office and the United States Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca sponsored "Women: Builders of Communities and Dreams," which drew more than 180 participants in honor of Women's History Month. The play, performed by students from Buena High School, recognized women who made great strides in bettering womankind throughout history.



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One leaves, one arrives

Command sergeants major change responsibility

Story and photos by
Spc. John Martinez

11th Signal Brigade Public Affairs Office

Soldiers from the 11th Signal Brigade came together last week to bid farewell to Command Sgt. Maj. John Murray and to welcome their new senior enlisted advisor, Command Sgt. Maj. Donald Manley. The Change of Responsibility ceremony took

place here on Kino Field, Friday.

Although Murray only served as a Thunderbird for 18 months, he has crossed paths with the 11th Signal Brigade over the past 20 years in locations around the world including Honduras, Kuwait and Afghanistan. Murray told the Soldiers he was sure that their "...paths would cross again."

"What I can say about Command Sergeant Major

Murray is that he is an extraordinary team player," said Col. Michael Yarmie, 11th Signal Brigade commander. "He cares about Soldiers and is always leading and showing Soldiers the right way to do things."

Murray will continue to lead Soldiers in his new position as the commandant of the Signal Regiment Noncommissioned Officers Academy, Fort Gordon, Ga.

Manley is no stranger to

the 11th Signal Brigade. He served the last nine months as the 86th Signal Battalion's command sergeant major.

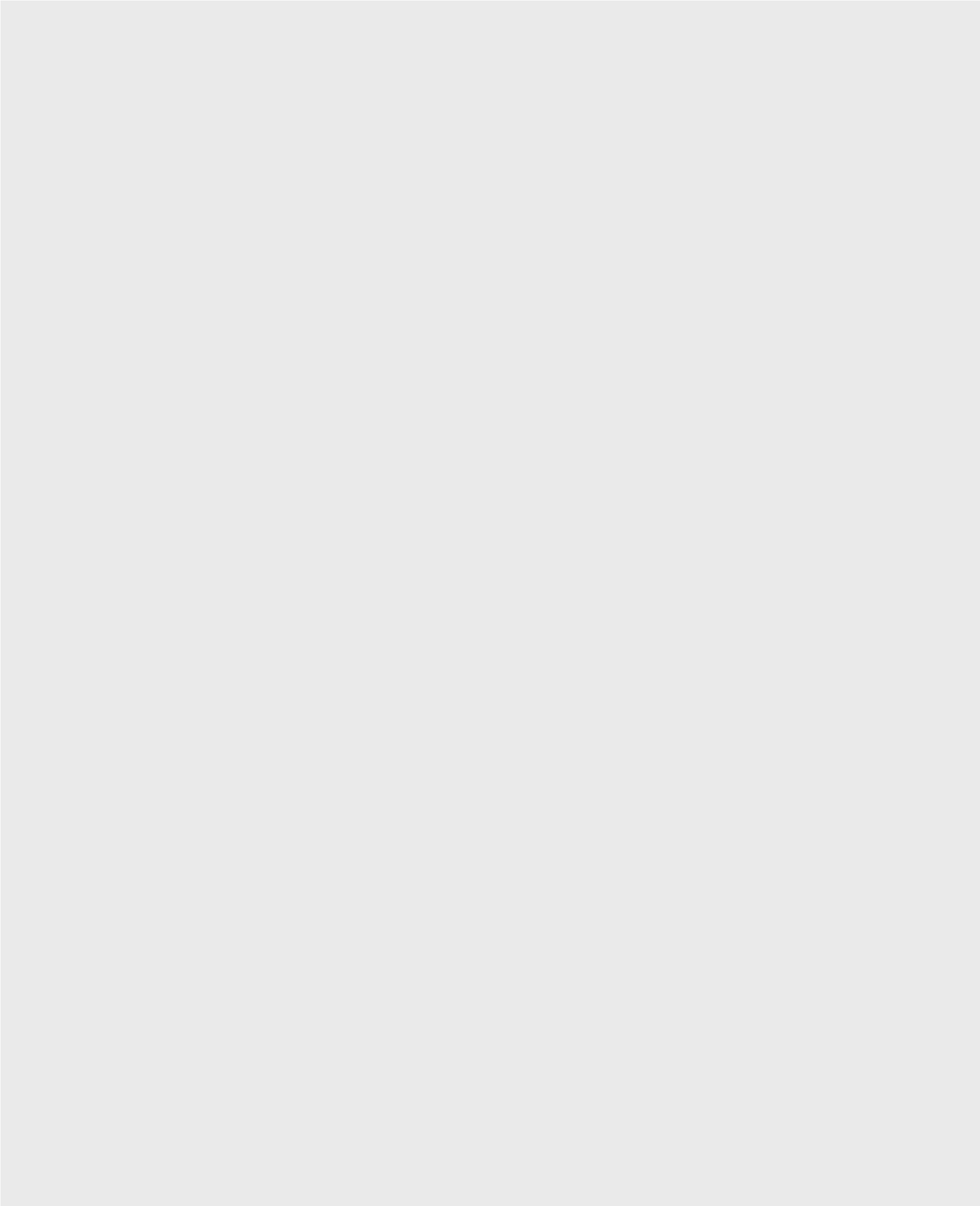
"I feel exceptionally fortunate that Command Sergeant Major Manley will be serving as our brigade CSM," Yarmie said. "He is a proven leader, who has previously been a member of the brigade and is fully engaged in teaching, coaching and mentoring our Soldiers."

These skills and Manley's 26 years of military experience will help him to guide the 11th Signal Brigade during the Army's transformation.

"We are about to start on an unstoppable journey," said Manley. "It will be filled with fun, excitement and many great adventures as we transform to the future."



Command Sgt. Maj. Donald G. Manley (left) assumed responsibility of the 11th Signal Brigade on March 9. With him is 11th Signal Brigade Commander, Col. Michael Yarmie. Command Sgt. Maj. John L. Murray (right) will become the commandant of the Signal Regiment Noncommissioned Officers Academy, Fort Gordon, Ga.





Service News



Ultimate sacrifice in support of GWOT

Lance Cpl. Bunny Long, 22, of Modesto, Calif., died Friday from a suicide, vehicle-borne, improvised explosive device in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Pfc. Ricky Salas, Jr. 22, of Roswell, N.M., died in Mosul, Iraq, on March 7, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his military vehicle while conducting mounted operations. Salas was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 37th Armored Regiment, Friedberg, Germany.

Cpl. Adam O. Zanutto, 26, of Caliente, Calif., died March 6 at National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md., from wounds received as a result of an improvised explosive device in Al Anbar province, Iraq on Feb. 25. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, Calif.

The Department of Defense announced the death of two Marines who were supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Killed were:

Gunnery Sgt. Justin R. Martone, 31, of Bedford, Va.

Gunnery Sgt. John D. Fry, 28, of Lorena, Texas

Martone died March 7 and Fry died March 8 from improvised explosive devices in Al Anbar province, Iraq. Martone was assigned to 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Okinawa, Japan. Fry was assigned to 8th Engineer Support Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Staff Sgt. Dwayne P. R. Lewis, 26, of New York City, died in Baghdad, Iraq on Feb. 27, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces using small arms fire during a dismounted patrol. Lewis was

assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y.



Education briefings set for March 24

Army Education Center personnel will brief Soldiers on the new Centralized Tuition Assistance Management program on March 24 at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. and at 1:30 p.m. in Cochise Theater here.

The Army Continuing Education System is currently undergoing a revolutionary modernization and new automated business process called Centralized Tuition Assistance Management.

The process will give Soldiers virtual access to request Army Tuition Assistance online through a new portal called GoArmyEd, to be launched on April 1.

On that date, Soldiers will begin requesting TA through GoArmyEd for classes that begin on May 1 and later.

Soldiers who have received TA with a passing grade since Oct. 1, 2004 will receive an invitation in the Army Knowledge Online email account to obtain a login and password for the GoArmyEd portal. Soldiers who previously enrolled in the eArmyU program and have maintained the minimum standard Grade Point Average of 2.0 will automatically have access to GoArmyEd.

Soldiers should visit the website (www.goarmyed.com) before the briefing for the latest updates so the Soldiers can address any questions they have with the Education Center.

The eArmyU homepage appears under this ad-

dress and will change to GoArmyEd on April 1.

The primary anticipated advantage to the Soldier of GoArmyEd is equal access to tuition assistance, 24 hours a day, regardless of geographical location.

For more information, call 533-3010/2255.

Third annual Chris Nason Memorial Run Saturday

The Thunder Mountain Harley Owners' Group will hold a daylong Memorial Poker Run Saturday. The event honors Chief Warrant Officer Christopher Nason, a Fort Huachuca Soldier who died in Iraq in service of his country. Registration is open from 8:30 – 11 a.m. at the Sierra Vista Harley Davidson Dealership at 1025 East Fry Boulevard, Sierra Vista. During the day, cyclists will travel to Tombstone, Bisbee and Douglas before returning to Sierra Vista for the final event at 3 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Widowed Support Center.

For information, call Mata at 459-4135.

Widowed Support Center offers support, companionship

The Widowed Support Center is located at the corner of Fry Boulevard and Buffalo Soldier Trail. Volunteers staff the center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday with someone to answer

questions, refer people to the correct agency, provide coffee, tea or a shoulder to lean on.

WSC has scheduled activities each month. WSC is planning a spring visit to the Singing Winds Book Shop in Willcox. The date will be announced soon.

Every Wednesday is crafts day.

For information on WSC activities, call 533-3807.

Learn to shoot safely Saturday

The Scholastic Clay Target Program local youth shotgun team, the Huachuca Hot-Shots, is currently signing up youths in grades five-12. Anyone interested in attending is invited to learn to safely shoot a shotgun on Saturday with new shooter registration beginning at 10:30 a.m., Instruction takes place from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. This bi-monthly shoot will be held at the Sportsman's Center on Fort Huachuca, under the supervision of certified instructors.

Ammunition, shotguns, clay targets and hearing and eye protection will be provided to participants free of charge. The only requirements are for a parent, counselor or guardian to be present, and for youths to bring a hat or cap. Adults are encouraged to participate, and should bring a cap, eye and hearing protection for themselves. For those participants who wish to continue in the program, there is a \$25.00 registration fee. For more information, contact Rene Dube at 378-6864.

Fun for all ages at the Festival of the Southwest

The Recreation Services Division of MWR has announced that the 2006 Festival of the Southwest will be held 4 p.m. - midnight, April 7, noon - midnight, April 8 and noon - 5 p.m., April 9, at Veterans Memorial Park, Sierra Vista. The festival is open to the public free of charge.

There will be free live entertainment for the entire family all three days. April 7, the schedule is: from 4 to 5 p.m., the 36th Army Band; from 6 to 8 p.m., Bone Canyon Band; and from 9 p.m. to midnight, Train Wreck.

For April 8, the schedule is: from 3 to 7 p.m., Caribbean Steel; and from 8 p.m. to midnight, Primo.

April 9, celebrate the Month of the Military Child with Family Day at the festival. Numerous activities for youth will be provided such as hair painting, a giant slide, laser tag, and visor painting, plus the following entertainment: from noon to 3 p.m., B Troop and K-9 Unit demonstrations; from 1 to 2 p.m., Tae Kwon Do demonstration; at 1:30 p.m., hot dog eating contest; at 2 p.m., Scorpions Youth Wrestling Team demonstration; and at 2:30 p.m., praise dancing.

From 3 to 5 p.m., April 9, country duo, Partners will

close out the festival.

Throughout the festival, DJ Mad Dog will provide a variety of musical entertainment.

Attractions abound for the entire family including the popular City of Fun Carnival, with rides for all ages and thrill levels. Advance carnival tickets go on sale Tuesday at the ITR Office, Desert Lanes, and Sierra Vista Safeway, at the price of \$6 for 10 tickets. During the carnival, the cost will be \$8 for 10 tickets. For more ticket information, call 533-2404.

There will also be a vendor area that features a wide variety of food, crafts, art, commercial and novelty merchants. The festival is an excellent fund-raising opportunity that attracts spectators by providing a wide range of activities and entertainment.

Private organizations and individuals from the surrounding community have an opportunity to raise funds at the festival. Vendor spaces are now available for games, food and crafts. Call Susan Keltner at 533-2948 for more information.



Photo courtesy of MWR

Country music concert coming to FH

Army MWR and Fort Huachuca will present country music stars Miranda Lambert and Jason Aldean, along with special guest, Jamey Johnson, in concert, beginning at 7:30 p.m., April 7 at Barnes Field House. Tickets are limited, so concert attendees are advised to purchase their tickets early.

Tickets are on sale now at the ITR Office for active duty military, their family members and other MWR patrons.

Tickets will also be available today and tomorrow at the following times at these Fort Huachuca locations: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 4 - 6 p.m. at the Post Exchange; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 4 - 6 p.m. at the Regimental Troop Store, Prosser Village; 4 - 6 p.m. at the FH Commissary; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Greely Hall; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Thunderbird Dining Facility; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Prosser Village dining facilities; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Joint Interoperability Test Command facility snack bar, near Libby Army Airfield; and 4 - 6 p.m. at the Military Clothing Sales Store, Prosser Village.

Prices are \$10 for active duty military and family members and \$13 for MWR patrons.

Any remaining tickets will be made available to the general public March 25 at Sierra Vista Safeway.

For more ticket information, call 533-2404.

Enjoy bingo at TMAC

Thunder Mountain Activity Centre hosts bingo at 6:45 p.m., Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, and at 12:45 p.m., Sunday.

The bingo program offers players the choice of paper cards or electronic handsets. First-time bingo players are always welcome at TMAC.

Be sure to take advantage of the "frequent bingo

player program." Attend 10 bingo sessions and buy 10 medium or larger bingo packets and receive a medium bingo packet free at your 11th visit.

For more information, call 533-3802.

St. Patrick's Day party at Time Out

Tomorrow is St. Patrick's Day and Time Out has planned a special party from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. There will be food, beverages and door prizes.

Time Out is located on Arizona Street, across from Barnes Field House.

For more information, call 533-3876.

Coming up at the Sportsman's Center

The Sportsman Center will hold a clearance sale from Wednesday through March 26. The specials offered will be: 15 percent off guns, in stock; up to 30 percent off select paint for paintball; and up to 50 percent off select hunting equipment and gun accessories.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Fridays in March, the Sportsman's Center is offering a special for those interested in learning trap or skeet shooting.

The special includes the use of a gun, one box of ammunition and one round of trap or skeet for the reduced price of \$10. Regular price is \$13.50.

The Sportsman's Center is located in Building 15423, Garden Canyon Road. The facility is open Wednesday - Sunday.

For more information, call 533-7085.

Sign up now for TM 5K/10K runs

The Thunder Mountain 5K/10K Event, will be held starting 7 a.m., March 25 at Barnes Field House.

The 5K and 10K runs are open to everyone. Participants may compete in one of several categories or

age groups.

Entry fees will be as follows for the 5K run: active duty military, with souvenir t-shirt, \$15; active duty military, without shirt, \$7; civilian, with shirt, \$17; and civilian, without shirt, \$9.

Entry fees for the 10K run will be: active duty military, with shirt, \$18; active duty military, without shirt, \$11; civilian, with shirt, \$25; and civilian, without shirt, \$15.

Entry forms for the event are available at Barnes Field House, Eifler Fitness Center, or on the internet at <http://active.com/>. Entry deadline is close of business March 24.

For more information, contact race director Tom Lumley at 533-5031 or e-mail thomas.lumley@hua.army.mil.

B.O.S.S. to hold car wash

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will hold a car wash fundraiser 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., March 25 in the parking lot of Sonic Drive-In, Fry Boulevard, Sierra Vista. Donations will go toward supporting B.O.S.S. programs.

For more information, call Sgt. Edward Malcolm at 533-6944 or 559-2741.

Four person scramble at MVGC

Mountain View Golf Course will present a pick-your-own-team, four person scramble April 8, with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start.

Entry fee is \$30 for MVGC members or \$40 for all others. Entry includes prizes, lunch, range balls and green fee. (Carts not included in the entry fee.)

The tournament will be limited to the first 25 paid teams. For more information, call 533-7088.



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The Scout Time Out

St. Patrick's Day

By Michael Collins

Scout Staff

The popularity of celebrating Irish culture and history on St. Patrick's Day is a mystery to the Irish. Sure, the Irish like a good time the same as the Germans, Hawaiians or any other ethnic group you can think of. But Irish history is a study in contrasts, characterized by great tragedy countered by a people's adaptability and willingness to overcome.

Now don't get me wrong. The Irish are by no means sullen about the past, nor are they a culture of stodgy librarians or pocket-protector accountants. Irish playfulness and their sense of humor can be wicked, yet deliriously funny.

Consider the place names of many Irish towns. With names like Nutt's Corner, Dingle, Ardfert, Dripsey, Gweedore, and Spink, you have to wonder what was going on in the minds of the cities' founders. I think it went something like this.

Go back in time 160 years. Two Irish farmers are out in the field harvesting their rocks. A few potato plants dot the landscape, but potatoes are reserved for special

occasions such as wakes after someone overdoses from rock consumption. An English lord and his coachman approach from a country lane and pull up next to the two Irish farmers.

English Lord: "I say there, peasants, what is the name of the nearest town?"

First Irish Farmer: "Meetullynagarn, Sir."

Second Irish Farmer: (suppressing laughter) "SNNNY-XXX."

English Lord: "Meetully... what?"

First Irish Farmer: "Meetullynagarn, your Lordship. Straight ahead, you can't miss it. It's followed by Ringaskiddy, Tang and Feakle."

Second Irish Farmer: (unable to withhold laughter) "HAHA-HAHAHA-HOOHOO."

English Lord: "Haha...yes, quite. Coachman, give these peasants something for their

trouble. The odd-smelling potatoes in the back will do. On to Meetully ... Mytolly ... oh, just drive."

This practical joke, as everyone knows, triggered a mass exodus from Ireland to America and Canada. Along with the Irish migration came the importation of cultural traditions. Key among these traditions was honoring the patron saint of Ireland, St. Patrick.

St. Patrick's Day is a traditional Irish holiday in honor of the saint credited with the spread of Christian-



party.

Like many American cities, Tucson has plenty of Irish who are happy to share their

several bands that feature Irish music will be on hand to provide the entertainment. Music will be accompanied by traditional instruments such as harps, fiddle, tin whistle, bodhran, pipes, vocals, guitar and more.

Festival vendors will offer food and drink with a Celtic flair, gifts and heritage information. Children can have fun in the Kid's Korner with jumping castles, games and other activities.

For more information on the Tucson St. Patrick's Day parade, contact Andrew Brown at (520) 419-1057 or visit www.tucsonstpatrick.com.

No other ethnicity is celebrated with such fervor in this country as that of the Irish. The Irish experience is a metaphor for success of all America's cultures and affirmation of ethnic assimilation in our great country.

The Irish are a generous culture and invite everyone to adopt their roots on their special day. From the Ginzbergs in New York to the Rojas in San Diego, every nationality can add an O' in front of their name and join the party on this most Celtic of days.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to each of you and Erin Go Bragh!



Photos courtesy of the Tucson Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee, and are from the 2005 parade.

ity throughout pagan Ireland. According to legend, St. Patrick also drove each and every snake from the Island. The truth is, he drove all the hamsters from the Emerald Isle, but even the Irish knew no one would believe such an amazing story. So they came up with snakes, which no one really likes anyway.

There had never been any objectionable reptiles or cute rodents native to Ireland but that doesn't mean St. Patrick doesn't merit a celebration. And the Irish are always willing to share their heritage if it means more people at the

special day. A little-known fact about Tucson is that it was founded by the Irishman Hugo O'Connor in 1775 when his band of mercenaries established the Presidio because it was next to irrigated lands and far from an overbearing wife.

To celebrate Hugo's accomplishment and the city's Irish roots, Tucson is going to throw a party. A festival and parade will be held Saturday, at Jacome Plaza at 101 N. Stone Avenue near the main library downtown. The festival starts at 10 a.m. The parade begins at 11 a.m.

Irish step dancers and



March is National Nutrition Month

What's your healthy eating quotient?

By Kay Blakley

DeCA Home Economist

Are you saving both pounds and dollars by spending less time at the drive-through window and more time at the commissary checkout with plenty of high-quality and low-cost, high-nutrient and low-calorie, healthy foods for meals at home? Here's a chance to test your "healthy eating quotient."

To be considered healthy choices, fruits and vegetables have to be fresh. (True/False)

False: Fresh fruits and vegetables are super choices. However, the nutritional value of frozen, canned, and dried fruits and vegetables, however, are comparable to that of fresh, plus they offer the benefit of longer shelf life. When

using canned fruits, limit added sugar by choosing those packed in natural juice or water. Limit added sodium by choosing canned vegetables labeled "no-added-salt."

I'd like to use fat-free milk, but my commissary doesn't carry it, so I use skim milk instead. (Mine too!/Huh?)

That depends: If you're a stateside commissary shopper, your response will undoubtedly be, "Huh?" But in some overseas commissaries, where fresh milk is produced locally, the carton may simply say "skim milk." Skim milk and fat-free milk are interchangeable names for the same product – milk that contains zero percent to 0.5 percent butterfat. Check the side panel of the

skim milk carton for "Maximum B.F. 0.5%."

Any dark-colored, dense-textured bread, especially those with lots of seeds and nuts, qualifies as whole-grain and high-fiber. (True/False)

False: Breads with names like "multigrain, stone-ground, 100-percent wheat, seven-grain, or bran," might sound like they are whole grain, but many times they are not. The only way to tell if bread qualifies as "whole grain" is to read the ingredient label. Look for one of the first two ingredients listed to be referred to as "whole" wheat, rye, corn, or another grain. Check the Nutrition Facts panel for the amount of fiber per serving. Some grain products contain signifi-

cant amounts of bran. Bran provides fiber, which is important for health. However, products with added bran or bran alone (oat bran for example) are not necessarily whole grain products.

Since there aren't any Nutrition Facts labels on fresh meats, who can tell what's fat and what's lean! My husband is a real "meat and potatoes" guy, so he just eats whatever he wants. (Good Idea/Bad Idea)

Bad Idea: Foods from the Meat and Beans Group provide nutrients that are vital to health and maintenance of your body. However, some choices are high in saturated fat and cholesterol, so the dietary guidelines recommend making most of your

choices lean.

Remember the terms "round" and "loin" to help you zero in on the leanest meats. The leanest beef cuts, for example, include round steaks and roasts, top loin, top sirloin and even chuck shoulder and arm roasts. The leanest pork choices include pork loin, tenderloin, center loin and ham. Ground beef labeled 90 percent lean is "extra lean." Boneless, skinless chicken breasts and turkey cutlets are the leanest poultry choices.

This healthy diet stuff sure is dull and boring. It seems like too many of my favorite foods are bad choices! (True/False)

False: It's never a good idea to adopt a "good food-bad food" attitude, since nearly all foods can be part

Sierra Vista 50th Anniversary



Countdown:
Sierra Vista turns 50
in 10 weeks

EDITORIAL COMMENT:

The City of Sierra Vista will celebrate its 50th anniversary, "More than a city—a way of life," May 26-28, 2006. In support of the city's celebration, each month until the celebration weekend, The Fort Huachuca Scout will run one reprinted article from the 1955 and 1956 issues of the "Fort Huachuca Scout," showing what fort life was like 50 years ago. Each week, we'll print one or more highlights of what happened on Fort Huachuca a half century ago.

Sierra Vista was founded in 1956 and annexed Fort Huachuca in 1971. Now, as in the past, the two entities worked together and are involved in many partnerships.

The Fort Huachuca Scout has been in publication for 54 years since 1951. Morgue copies of the "Scout" are available for viewing at the Fort Huachuca Public Affairs Office, Building 21115, 3015 Carnahan Street, across the street from the gazebo at the west end of Brown Parade Field. Call 533-2622 for additional information.

Enjoy reliving Fort Huachuca's past 50 years, and reminisce as

we travel back in time. - Joan Vasey

Reprinted from "The Huachuca Scout",
March 15, 1956

Movie Stars Coming to Post: ROCK HUDSON, MARA CORDAY INCLUDED IN SPECIAL SHOW

A contingent of motion picture stars led by Rock Hudson, star of Universal International Pictures' "Battle Hymn" now being filmed in Nogales, will appear in person here Saturday evening in Theater Three for Fort personnel.

Their appearance will be in addition to the showing of "Pillars of the Sky," a U-I cinemascope release in Technicolor starring Jeff Chandler, Dorothy Malone, Ward Bond and Keith Andes.

Two Showings

The motion picture, scheduled for release in August, will be shown twice at 7:15 and 10 p.m., with the stars appearing on stage following the first show and preceding the second.

Accompanying Hudson will be Dan Duryes, supporting male actor in "Battle Hymn." Hollywood starlets Dani Crayne, Mara Corday, Jane Howard, Anna Kashfi, Martha Hyer (unless a picture commitment keeps here in California) and actor George Mahoney will round

out the troupe to appear at the theater.

Appear at Clubs

They will also make appearances at the Service Club, NCO Club Annex and Officers Club during the evening. Miss Hyer and Mahoney also appear in "Battle Hymn."

Admission to the theater is free, Special Services announced. Soldiers not in uniform must present their ID cards; civilian personnel require privilege identification cards. Guest cards are also required when necessary. Because of the limited capacity of the theater the show is not open to the public. Doors open at 6:30.

Reserved Seats

Approximately 250 seats for the 7 o'clock performance have been reserved for troops of the 63rd Signal Company, 525th Signal Company and Headquarters 11th Signal Battalion.

These men, under the command of Major Griffith E. Cook, Jr., are scheduled to bivouac near Nogales International Airport later this month, combining an Army Training Program communications exercise with action as "extras" in the filming of "Battle Hymn."

of a healthy diet. First, visit <http://www.mypyramid.gov> to learn the number of calories that's right for you each day. That number depends on your age, sex, activity level, and whether you are trying to gain, maintain or lose weight. Choose the most nutritionally rich foods you

can from each food group each day, those packed with vitamins, minerals, fiber and other nutrients, but lower in calories. You can work in a few of high-calorie favorites, in moderate amounts on an occasional basis, while still staying within your calorie limits.

How did you score? If

you got four to five correct answers, your healthy eating quotient is in the genius category! Two to three correct answers? You're learning. Just keep taking small steps to "A Healthier You." If you scored one correct answer or less, meet me at the commissary. You might need some

individual attention.

The Defense Commissary Agency operates a worldwide chain of commissaries providing groceries to military personnel, retirees and their families in a safe and secure shopping environment. Authorized patrons purchase items at cost plus a

5-percent surcharge, which covers the costs of building new commissaries and modernizing existing ones. Shoppers save an average of 30 percent or more on their purchases compared to commercial prices – savings worth about \$2,700 annually for a family of four.

Girl Scouts celebrate World Thinking Day

Scout Reports

The Fort Huachuca Girl Scouts celebrated World Thinking Day at the Scout Hut here on March 5.

Each Girl Scout troop picked a country and set up a display with information about the country they had chosen. This year's choice of countries included Canada, Guatemala, Mexico, Ireland, Germany, Egypt, Korea, Poland and Japan. The Scouts' displays included maps, photos, information about and samples of food from the country of choice.

"World Thinking Day is a chance to reflect on Girl Scouts and Girl Guides all around the world and not only their own, individual Girl Scout troops," said Rita Billiard, community relations representative, Sahuaro Girl Scout Council.

"By researching what girls are doing in other countries such as England or Africa, our girls find out that girls in other

countries are the same as they are, and that they have the same kind of problems, such as sibling rivalry and those kinds of things," she added.

Although the official date for World Thinking Day is Feb. 22, the celebration is held on or somewhere near that date. It is the birthday of both Lord Baden-Powell, Boy Scout founder, as well as his wife, Olive, who served as World Chief Guide.

Billiard thanked the Girl Scout troop leaders who helped out with World Thinking Day. Volunteers included Gerdy Dozier, Teresa Short, Andrea Gunter, Natalie Wise, Heather Thomas, Katrina Wheelock, Jennifer Graham, Karen Robbins, Tammy Saffo and Bobbi Pralle.

Saturday was the Girl Scout birthday, and this is National Girl Scout Week, according to Billiard.



Photo by Rita Billiard

Teresa Short, service unit manager for Fort Huachuca, talks about the country of Egypt to the San Pedro Brownie Girl Scout Troop No. 1770.

Chalk talk

Col. Johnston School

Parent Teacher, School Organization meets Monday at 2:30 p.m.

Report cards are sent home March 24

Where can you travel from the mountain woodlands, to a riparian area, to the grasslands, to the desert in one day? Second graders from Mr. Bell's, Mrs. Baeza's, Mrs. Bernheim's, and Mrs. Nash's (Ricks) rooms were in awe as they explored the varied habitats of the desert Southwest at the Arizona/Sonora Desert Museum near Tucson.

The Museum is a combination of a natural history museum and garden that fosters an appreciation and understanding of the Sonoran Desert. Students collected paw prints of all the animals they observed from the

areas they visited. Docents gave special lectures, or explanations for questions from the children. Comments included: "I didn't know beavers could get that big!" "This is the BEST field trip ever!" "It is so cool to see the otters both above and below the ground." "This cave is just like Kartchner Caverns - it's dark, and scary, and you have to feel your way!" The entire experience is one we won't soon forget.

The first grade students were very excited to meet author/illustrator Diane deGroat last week. In preparation for her visit, the halls were filled with character graphs, character posters, story maps, original stories written by students, literature responses, and wonderful paintings and drawings. During her presen-

tation, deGroat read her latest book, "No More Pencils, No More Books, No More Teachers Dirty Looks," a book about the last day of school. At the end of the presentation, the students had the opportunity to ask deGroat questions and give her some ideas for a new book.

Spring is in the air and many first-grade classes will be learning about the water cycle, rainbows, and St. Patrick's Day this week. Mrs. Boss's class is learning about the ocean and ocean animals. They painted beautiful watercolor fish in response to the story, "The Rainbow Fish," and the students are researching many different ocean animals.

The first-grade teachers would like to encourage the parents to have their children read every day during spring break.

Myer Elementary

Would you like to eat ants on a log? Theresa Sottolare's pre-

schoolers would! Since March is National Nutrition Month, the class will be making and eating healthy snacks. They will also be taking a tour of Fry's Food and Drug. Preschoolers will learn about healthy foods, food preparation, and food storage. Other themes the class will cover this month are St. Patrick's Day, weather, and dinosaurs.

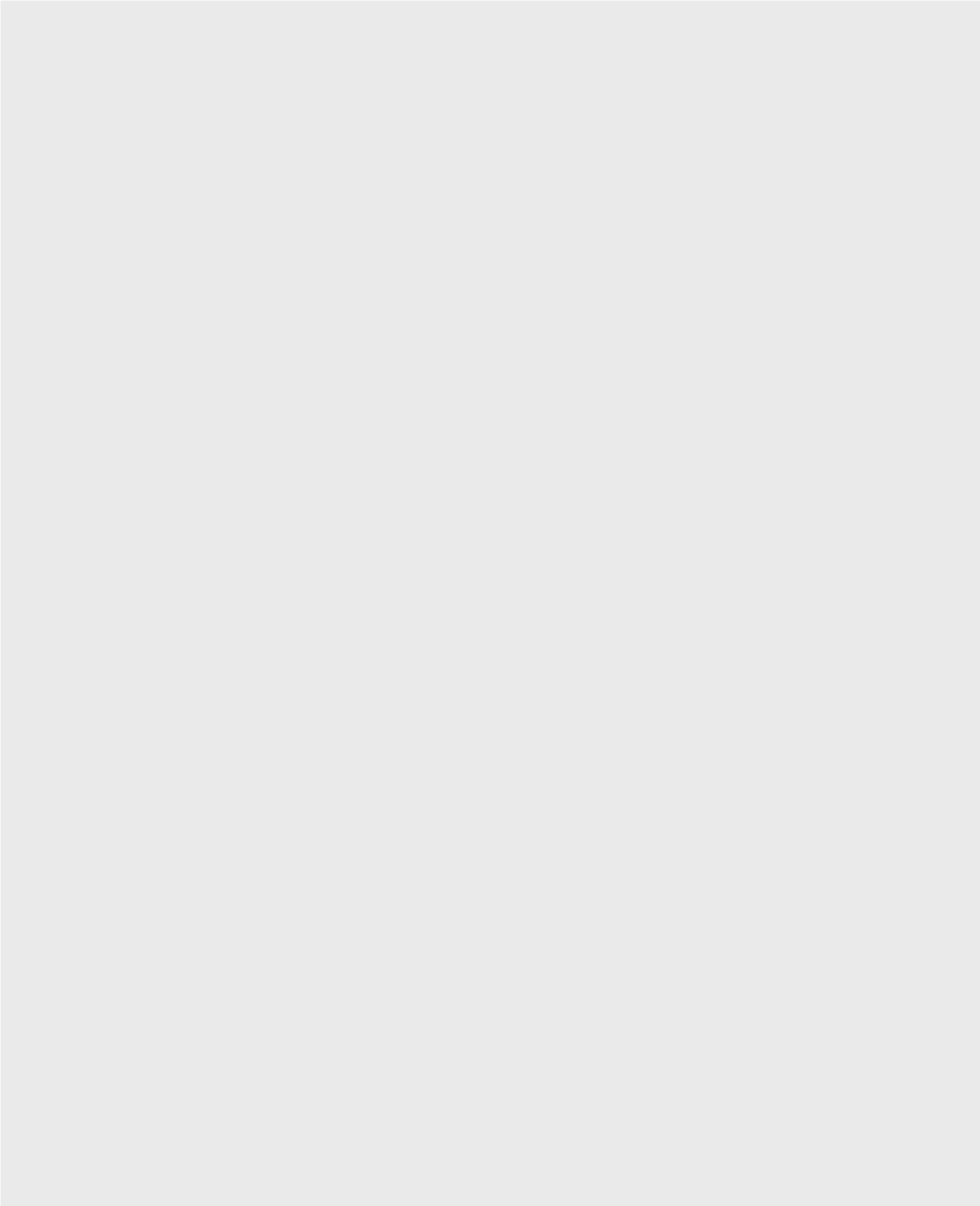
March will be an exciting month for Judith Smith's kindergarten class. Visitors will be stopping by throughout the month to read to the class. The students will also participate in the Myer School science fair. At the end of March, the children will be going to see a play at Buena High School. In the class, kindergartners are very good readers and are reading several stories each day. The class has finished their Arizona Desert Unit and did lots of reading and writing for that. In math,

the children have learned to tell time, measure things, and count money. They are now starting on addition.

Allison Spencer's student teacher, Lourdes Soto has been in charge of room 110. Right now the class is wrapping up the third quarter. Students are participating in reading groups. They are also painting pictures and writing stories to go with them. In math, students are graphing and comparing numbers to 20. They will start to add and subtract in math. The class is also learning all about Arizona! In March, the class will go to see a play at Buena High School.

In Kathy Sliver's Kindergarten class, the class is finishing up the third quarter by reviewing phoneme segmentation. It is worth all the practice as the students are learning how to sound out words to write their own

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Children's book drive

The Sierra Vista Optimist Club is kicking off "A Book of My Own." The club provides books to elementary school readers to help them appreciate reading and to improve their reading skills. Collection is now through April. Drop-off points are Cochise College Library, the Landmark Café, Borgstadt Chiropractic and Buzz Breads. For more information, contact Ray Ricco at 459-5502 or Donne Puckle at 458-4122.

"Smooth Move for Kids" workshop

Army Community Service will offer the "Smooth Move for Kids" workshop at 6 p.m., Wednesday; and 9 a.m., March 31 at the ACS Building 50010.

The workshop helps ease the anxiety for children and make moving easier for everyone.

The class is free; pre-register by calling ACS at 533-2330.

"Army 101" introduces Army life

Army Family Team Building will offer the Level I AFTB marathon class 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., March 25 at Murr Community Center, Building 51301. AFTB Level I, also known as "Army 101" provides an introduction to Army life.

The class is free but please pre-register with Army Community Service at 533-2330, or e-mail huachuca_aftb@hotmail.com. For more information, call Cheryl Patterson at 533-3686.

Automotive service exam planned

The registration deadline for the fall Automotive Service Excellence Certification Examination is Monday at 12 p.m. Pick up registration forms at the testing office in the Education Center, Bldg 52104. Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support authorizes funding for a maximum of three \$26 ASE exams for each semi-annual examination cycle. Active duty and Reserve personnel in a related Military Occupational Specialty are eligible

to test for either credit, by examination or for certification. DANTES does not fund the Level 1, Level 2 or any recertification tests.

There is a \$32 registration fee. Testing for the fall ASE cycle are 8 a.m., May 9, 11, and 16. For more information, contact Kristin L. Juarez, test examiner, at 533-1701

Library to display Lopes weavings

The Fort Huachuca library is displaying Portuguese master weaver Arlinda Lopes' loom-woven fabrics. Ms. Lopes integrates recycled fabrics in most of her woven products. The display will be available for viewing until April.

The Fort Huachuca Library is open Tuesdays through Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 533-3041.

Bargains available at city's annual public auction

Discover bargains at the annual City of Sierra Vista public auction on Saturday at the Westside Annex, 100 North Avenue. Bidder registration begins at 7 a.m. Bidding will start at 9 a.m. Items can be previewed at the Westside Annex tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Items include: bicycles, buses, many makes and models of automobiles, office desks, file cabinets, lockers, stoves, freezers, stereo equipment and more.

For information, call Michael Clawson at 458-3315.

Weight loss support group can help

The Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center Weight Loss Support Group meets every other Wednesday from 5-6 p.m. at the Preventive Medicine Clinic located at Riley Barracks. Those who are trying to lose weight and who need some support will be invited. There are no fees or contracts to join. Call 533-3536 for more information. The next meeting will be Wednesday at 5 p.m. and feature a viewing of the movie "Super Size Me." Future meeting dates are March 29 and April 12 and 16.

WSC St. Patrick's Day Dinner at K of C

The Widowed Support Center will participate in the St. Patrick's Day Dinner at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Saturday, March 18 at 5 p.m. The cost \$9. If interested in attending with the WSC, call 533-3807 to reserve your spot.

WSC would like to remind everyone they are open from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Wednesdays are craft day with the WSC with crafts being held during normal business hours.

Volunteers sought for Girl Scout program

With people transferring out of the area, the Fort Huachuca Girl Scout program is in need of new leaders and other volunteers. The organization needs a registrar, organizer, treasurer, product program manager, events coordinator as well as Girl Scout leaders. Training will be provided for each position.

Contact Teresa Short at 417-2487 or Karen Robbins at 515-8404 for more information or to obtain an application.

ACAP Employers Day happens today

Army Career and Alumni Program are hosting Employers Day today from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the ACAP Center, Building 22420 on Butler Road. Meet and talk with representatives from high-tech and law enforcement organizations. For additional information, call 533-5757.

Sierra Vista celebrates cultural diversity

Learn about the cultural diversity of Sierra Vista Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ethel Berger Center and the Oscar Yrun Community Center during the Cultural Diversity Fair. There will be many activities, ethnic displays, live entertainment, craft displays and a variety of food options. The community is invited to wander and nibble their way through the two buildings on Tacoma Street. For more information, contact Gwen at 458-5280.

At The Movies

Showing at the Cochise Theater for the next week are:

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Today -7 p.m.

Underworld: Evolution

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Saturday -7 p.m.

Annapolis

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Sunday -2 p.m.

Nanny McPhee

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Monday - Wednesday

Closed

Reduced prices on Thursday evening and Sunday matinees.

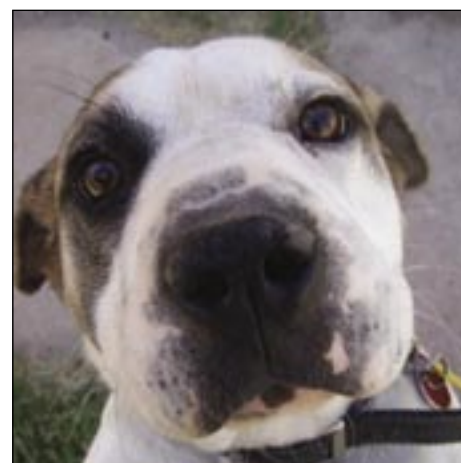
Watch CAC

For the latest news on the Fort Huachuca community as well as all of your military branches worldwide, the Commander's Access Channel (Channel 97) is your first and most reliable source.

The Scout will notify the community of the return of the Fort Report and until then, keep tuned to the CAC for other pertinent post information.



Pets Of The Week



Loki is an adorable approximately 1-year-old American Bulldog mix. **Bella** is a 10-week-old blue point Siamese mix. Courtesy photo from petfinder.com.



These animals and more are available for adoption from the Fort Huachuca Veterinary Treatment Facility. For more information, call 533-2767 or visit forhuachuca.petfinder.com. In accordance with Army regulation, stray animals are kept for three working days to find an owner. After three days, they are either placed up for adoption or humanely euthanized. Strays are available for adoption for 30 days until they are euthanized.

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stories. The class has also been working on an Arizona Unit and doing lots of fun activities, while learning about the State. A folder will be sent home with all that the class have accomplished. The students have been taught every letter of the alphabet now. They are successfully sounding out words to read a story by remembering all the sight words and high frequency words.

March is Nutrition Awareness Month. The Iguana Be Fit Club started the month with a delightful invitation to tour Fry's Marketplace. Ms. Marjorie guided the students down many aisles that included the frozen food freezer, the large refrigerator where they store the vegetables and fruits, and the bakery area to watch

Ms. Pam decorate a wedding cake. Each of the Iguana students had to answer questions on health and nutrition. The Iguana's learned how a WHOLE GRAIN breakfast can provide fuel for brainpower and energy. They also learned the significance of dental hygiene. To maintain a beautiful smile it is good to brush teeth four times a day and floss regularly. Students were also informed that young children can confuse liquid cleaning products for sports drinks. This was such a great learning experience for the Iguanas. Many thanks to Fry's Marketplace!! The Iguanas loved their interactive tour as well as the Whole Grain Turkey sandwich, kiwi, and multi grain dessert bread.

Myer School has completed the 26th week of the Magellan Running Club, with five running days. Each

student receives one point for completing each 440-yard lap run. This week, all the top fifth graders girls completed with 52 points each. The girls were Briana McCloskey, Erikka King, Ashley Lazok, Tiara Huddleston, and Kristy Shipman. The top fifth grade boy was John Kiner who completed with 47 points. The top fifth grade class was Mrs. Celina Mickle's class with a score of 419 points. For fourth grade news, all the top runners completed with 52 points. The top fourth grade girl was Sarah Baier. The top fourth grade boys were Miles Ritchey, Andrew Camps, and Carlos Acosta. Mrs. Janet Josa's class scored as the top fourth grade classroom with a total of 297 points. All the students in the running club totaled 615 miles for this week.

Hummingbird Monitoring Network

Scout Reports

On March 23 from 7-8:30 p.m., join Dr. Susan Wethington in the Mona Bishop Room, Sierra Vista Public Library, 2600 E. Tacoma St., Sierra Vista to learn more about hummingbirds and the work of the Hummingbird Monitoring Network. This is an organization dedicated to the conservation of hummingbird diversity and abundance throughout the New World. Wethington, who has studied hummingbirds

for more than 15 years, helped found this non-profit organization to monitor and study hummingbirds because other avian conservation programs failed to adequately address conservation needs of hummingbirds.

Dr. Wethington will discuss the HMN and its many projects, including recent projects in Ecuador. She will also describe results of HMN's monitoring during the 2005 hummingbird migration in southeastern Arizona.

Those interested in volunteer opportunities involving hummingbirds are especially invited to attend this month's presentation. Fort Huachuca residents are invited to get involved in a volunteer hummingbird project here on this installation.

The HMN presentation is one of the many monthly programs sponsored by the Southeast Arizona Volunteer Education, or SAVE Program. These programs are free and open to the public. For more information, call 378-1563.

Seafood Extravaganza coming to commissary

The first-ever, indoor Seafood Extravaganza takes place March 30 and April 1 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Fort Huachuca Commissary. The event will be similar to seafood extravaganzas held at Tucson warehouse and grocery stores.

The sale will feature live lobsters, king crab legs, shrimp, catfish and salmon fillets offered at special prices.

